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Water Quality Award Presented to Dan Kaffer

CARSON CITY - Mr. Dan Kaffer, longtime employee of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in western Nevada has been recognized by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) for his outstanding commitment to water quality.

Today, in a ceremony at the Governor's Mansion, Mr. Kaffer was awarded the Wendell McCurry 2011 Excellence in Water Quality Award. Throughout his 32 years of service protecting water quality he fostered numerous on-the-ground river restoration projects in the Carson River Watershed, spearheaded community outreach and environmental education programs and leveraged conservation efforts through his use of public-private partnerships. Mr. Kaffer is highly regarded for his extensive work with local, state and federal agencies.

Mr. Kaffer is the recipient of over 25 resource management awards by USDA and has worked extensively with Native American Tribes, the ranching community, public schools and environmental organizations to promote protection and improvement of Nevada's water quality and natural resources.

In addition, Mr. Kaffer was instrumental in repairing the Carson River after the 1997 flood caused severe damage to the watershed and he is a founding member of over 14 watershed councils across the state.

The Wendell McCurry award is presented annually in honor of long-time NDEP employee, Wendell McCurry, to commemorate Mr. McCurry's dedication to water quality throughout Nevada.

For further information on the Wendell McCurry Award, please visit NDEP's website at: http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/wendlll_master.htm

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